ELVIS SERIES PLANNING MEETING HELD AT ROYAL FOREST HOTEL 2ND MARCH 2022

1. Sally explained that Mart Clarke was sick and had asked her to deputize.
2. All clubs were represented and names and email addresses were recorded.
3. Proposed race dates and times.

Dagenham 88 – Wednesday 25th May 7.30pm

Havering 90 – Tuesday 14th June 7.30pm

East End RR – Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm or Wednesday 22nd June 7.30. ( I w**rote down Wednesday 21st June which is not possible – can we clarify please – sorry!)**

Ilford AC – Wednesday 6th July 7.30pm

Harold Wood – Wednesday 20th July 7.30pm

Orion Harriers – Saturday 6th August 10.30

Barking RR – Monday 29th August 10.30

East London Runners – to be arranged.

1. Sally reported that Mart felt the series went well last year given the COVID issues. There was general agreement
2. IAC proposed a return to 4 women to score in teams as some clubs struggled to get 6 women out for all the races. Sally shared some statistics from the 2021 series – 14 incomplete teams but if only 4 women were required it would lower to 7 incomplete teams. Discussion about impact of COVID, scoring encourages people to run etc.

Decided to leave 6 to score this season and revisit next year if there are a significant number of incomplete teams.

1. IAC proposed 5 out of 8 races for both individuals and teams instead of 6 out of 8. Possible issue that people do not bother with the later races. General agreement to keep things as they are.
2. Chip timing. Mart sent thanks to Alex for taking initiative in looking for discounts if clubs work together Each club can choose how they time the race. Mart noted that the cost of chip timing is high and the costs either go to the runner or reduce club profits – both are not in the Spirit of ELVIS ( low cost races and good revenue for the clubs) so he wondered about investigating ELVIS buying a timing system for 2023. Would anyone be willing to look into this? Maybe a small group. Alex from ELR tentatively agreed and clubs to ask club members if anyone is interested. Something could be posted on the FB page once the races get going. **Action point for all.**

It would need to be a very user friendly system.

Jamie (EERR) summed up that it's a good idea in theory but there's a lot of logistical and management issues plus keeping up to date to consider.

1. The series is back to gun times as there are mass starts UKA rules. Obviously if COVID rules change, this would be looked at again.
2. Havering 90 will do the presentation evening. Andy IAC encouraged clubs to promote the night as it was poorly attended last year.
3. Phil Hernon Orion is the sponsor. Mart to coordinate with him as usual.
4. Mart to do the website information as normal.
5. Presentation fees - Host clubs £80, Non host £40 as previously.

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1. ELR is have a mixed team prize – 3 men and 3 women at their Valentines 5km.
2. EERR - good to include V70 prizes.
3. Flexibility on race limits as there's often a significant number of no shows. Also flexibility on transfers. Each club to have their own policy.
4. EERR – asked about venue fees – per person or one off.
5. First Aid costs – IAC use Primary Ambulance.
6. A brief discussion about the Essex Way held first Sunday in September- this year 4th September. All clubs welcome. Details from Sally- sgillam@talk21.com